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### Asia Index Private Limited Launches S&P BSE India 10 Year Sovereign Bond Index

**Mumbai and New York, January 7, 2014** – Asia Index Private Limited (AIPL) announced today the launch of the S&P BSE India 10 Year Sovereign Bond Index - a highly transparent, independent and efficient index that seeks to measure the performance of the Benchmark 10 Year Indian Sovereign Bond (Benchmark). The Benchmark is an Indian Sovereign Bond with a fixed coupon and a remaining maturity close or equal to 10 years. For index purposes, it is typically the most liquid bond among those meeting the remaining maturity criteria.

“Asia Index Private Limited is very excited about today’s launch of the S&P BSE Indices 10 Year Sovereign Bond Index as it represents the cornerstone of our building out a greater range of fixed income products in India,” says Alka Banerjee, CEO of Asia Index Private Limited. “The Index is also the first bond index to be launched by the recently incorporated Asia Index Private Limited, signifying our commitment to providing greater index based tools for Indian investors.”

The S&P BSE India 10 Year Sovereign Bond Index is reviewed on a monthly basis and additionally when a new 10 year on-the-run Indian Sovereign Bond with a fixed coupon starts trading. The S&P BSE India 10 Year Sovereign Bond Index undergoes a review and rebalancing with the intent of keeping the index current. The first index value date for the S&P BSE India 10 Year Sovereign Bond Index is April 8, 1999. The Index is calculated in Indian rupees, U.S. Dollars and Qatari riyals.

For more information, please visit: [www.spbse.com](http://www.spbse.com) or [www.asiaindex.co.in](http://www.asiaindex.co.in).

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